Secretary to consider and sort out problems faced by the exporters/importers in ihe respective States. They have also created Cells in the State Secretariats for looking after export work. The State Governments have also nominated Nodal Officers (Niryat Bandhus) for export promotion work, in response to suggestion made by the Ministry of Commerce.

It has been decided to grant Export House status to one Export Corporation in each State nominated by the State Governments in relaxation of the Minimum export eanings condition.

Special schemes have also been drawn up such as Export Promotion Industrial Parks for giving infrastructural suport to the effort of the States of the States for furthering export growth.

(f) Does not arise..

Consumption and Production of cement in Andhra Pradesh

2712. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption and production of cement in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply of cement in the State?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Data regarding state-wise consumption of cement is not maintained centrally. However, the details of production of cement by large cement plants and the estimated consumption figures based on the inter-state cement movement data maintained by the Cement Manufacturers' Association in respect of Andhra Pradesh is as under:—

Year	Prdocution	Consumption
		(In lakh tonnes)
Ke		
1993-94	86.21	40.26
1994-95	87.91	41.29
1995-96	103.43	44.14

In addition, there are a number of mini cement plants producing cement in Andhra Pradesh, but their production data is not maintained centrally.

(b) Does not arise as the State of Andhra Pradesh is surplus in cement.

Financial Performance of Hindustan Cables Limited

2713. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of Hindustan Cables Limited during the last three years;

(b) the present order book position and whether it is satisfactory and if not, the steps being taken to improve the same;

(c) the outstanding amount due from DOT and MTNL; and

(d) the steps being taken to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Financial performance of HCL for last three years:

(Rs. in crores)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 (Prov.)
Production	488.20	561.26	310.88
Sales	486.37	565.46	313.95
Net Profit(+) Loss (-)	(+) 1.29	(+) 12.08	(-)118.99

(b) The order book position is as follows:—

	(Rs. in crores)
(i) orders as on 1.4.96	255.00
(ii) orders received during 1st Quarter of 96-97	60.71
(iii) Orders expected tobe received by the company during the remaining period of current year	364.49
	680.20

The order book at Rs. 680.20 crores would be satisfactory.

(c) According to HCL the total outstanding dues from DOT and MTNL amount to Rs.167 crores including current dues as on 1.7.96.

(d) The matter has been taken up with DOT for expeditious settlement of outstanding dues to HCL. DOT has setup a high level Committee to go into the claims of HCL and to give its report. It is reported that the high level Committee has since submitted its report to DOT. HCL has received Rs. 15 crores by way of on account payment against the outstanding dues. HCL is pursuing the matter with DOT for release of outstanding dues.

Corruption in Super Bazar

2714. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: (a) the number of cases regarding corruption in Department of Purchase and Tenders and Control Room of the Super Bazar which came to the notice of the Government during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) the details of the officers found ^ulity in this regard and action taken against them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Only one case of corruption has come to the notice of the Government of India. However, according to the information-furnished by Super Bazar, 3 more cases of corruption/ irregularity have come to the notice of (he Management during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) and (d) Necessary disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by the Super Bazar and on the basis of the findings thereof, 3 employees have been demoted and one employee has been censored. One case is under inquiry by the C.B.I.

(e) Does not arise.

Total Consumption of Foodgrains in the Country

2715. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES,